Revenue collected through Spectrum Fee

†*319. SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has allotted full spectrum to various companies;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the revenue collected through spectrum fee during the last three years, year-wise; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to collect more revenue through allotment of future spectrum?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNO-LOGY (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) Clause 43.5 of the Unified Access Service License (UASL) conditions mandates allotment of start up/initial spectrum, subject to availability. Spectrum where ever available was allotted in the entire service area. In other cases, spectrum was allotted in part of the service areas as per availability of spectrum. Details of spectrum allotted is given in Statement-I, II, III, IV and V.

(c) The revenue collected through spectrum fee during the last three years, years-wise is as under:

	Year 2006-07	Year 2007-08	Year 2008-09
Spectrum charges collected	Rs.1957.39 crores	Rs.2884.17 crores	Rs.3248.57 crores

(d) The report of the committee on "Allocation of Access (GSM/CDMA) Spectrum and Pricing" has been referred to TRAI for their recommendations as the recommendations of the committee have wider implications on telecom sector. A decision on spectrum pricing and method of allotment will be taken by the government on receipt of TRAI recommendations.

Statement-I

Details of GSM operators (UAS Licensees) for whom start up/initial spectrum is allotted in the whole service area as on 31.11.2009

Sl. No.	Service Area	Operators	Allotment in 900MHz band in MHz	Allotment in 1800MHz band in MHz	Total Allotment in MHz
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Delhi	Bharti	8.0	2.0	10.0

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

1	2	3	4	5	6
		Vodafone	8.0	2.0	10.0
		MTNL	6.2	6.2	12.4
		Idea		8.0	8.0
		Aircel Ltd.		4.4	4.4
		Reliance		4.4	4.4
		Etisalat DB Pvt. Ltd.		4.4	4.4
		TOTAL	22.2	31.4	53.6
2.	Mumbai	Vodafone	8.0	2.0	10.0
		Bharti		9.2	9.2
		MTNL	6.2	6.2	12.4
		Idea		4.4	4.4
		Reliance		4.4	4.4
		BPL	8.0	2.0	10.0
		Aircel Ltd.		4.4	4.4
		Etisalat DB Pvt. Ltd.		4.4	4.4
		Datacom		4.4	4.4
		Unitech		4.4	4.4
		TTSL		4.4	4.4
		TOTAL	22.2	50.2	72.4
3.	Kolkata	Bharti	6.2	1.8	8.0
		BSNL	6.2	3.8	10.0
		Reliance		6.2	6.2
		Aircel		4.4	4.4
		Vodafone	7.8	2.0	9.8
		Idea		4.4	4.4
		Datacom		4.4	4.4
		Unitech		4.4	4.4
		TTSL		4.4	4.4

1	2	3	4	5	6
		Loop		4.4	4.4
		TOTAL	20.2	40.2	60.4
4.	Maharashtra	Bharti	0.0	8.2	8.2
		Idea	7.8	2.0	9.8
		Reliance	0.0	4.4	4.4
		BSNL	6.2	3.8	10.0
		Vodafone	6.2	0.0	6.2
		Aircel Ltd.	0.0	4.4	4.4
		Datacom		4.4	4.4
		Unitech		4.4	4.4
		Etisalat DB Pvt. Ltd.		4.4	4.4
		Loop		4.4	4.4
		TTSL		4.4	4.4
		Spice		4.4	4.4
		TOTAL	20.2	49.2	69.4
5.	Gujarat	Vodafone	7.8	2.0	9.8
		Reliance		4.4	4.4
		BSNL	6.2	1.2	7.4
		Idea	6.2	0.0	6.2
		Bharti		6.2	6.2
		Aircel Ltd.		4.4	4.4
		Datacom		4.4	4.4
		Unitech		4.4	4.4
		Etisalat DB Pvt. Ltd.		4.4	4.4
		TOTAL	20.2	31.4	51.6
6.	Andhra Pradesh	Vodafone		6.2	6.2
		Aircel Ltd.		4.4	4.4
		Reliance		4.4	4.4

1	2	3	4	5	6
		Bharti	7.8	2.2	10.0
		BSNL	6.2	3.8	10.0
		Idea	6.2	1.8	8.0
		Datacom		4.4	4.4
		Unitech		4.4	4.4
		Spice		4.4	4.4
		Etisalat DB Pvt. Ltd.		4.4	4.4
		Loop		4.4	4.4
		TTSL		4.4	4.4
		TOTAL	20.2	49.2	69.4
7.	Karnataka	Bharti	7.8	2.2	10.2
		Spice	6.2	0.0	6.2
		Vodafone		8.0	8.0
		Aircel Ltd.		4.4	4.4
		Reliance		4.4	4.4
		BSNL	6.2	3.8	10.0
		Datacom		4.4	4.4
		Idea		4.4	4.4
		Unitech		4.4	4.4
		Etisalat DB Pvt. Ltd.		4.4	4.4
		Loop		4.4	4.4
		TTSL		4.4	4.4
		TOTAL	20.2	49.2	69.4
8.	Tamil Nadu	Bharti		9.2	9.2
		Vodafone	6.2	1.8	8.0
		Reliance		4.4	4.4
		Aircel Ltd.	7.8	2.0	9.8
		BSNL	6.2	3.8	10.0
		Datacom		4.4	4.4

1	2	3	4	5	6
		Idea		4.4	4.4
		Unitech		4.4	4.4
		Etisalat DB Pvt. Ltd.		4.4	4.4
		Loop		4.4	4.4
		TTSL		4.4	4.4
		TOTAL	20.2	47.6	67.8
9.	Kerala	BSNL	6.2	3.8	10.0
		Vodafone	6.2	0.0	6.2
		Bharti		6.2	6.2
		Idea	6.2	1.8	8.0
		Reliance		4.4	4.4
		Dishnet		4.4	4.4
		Datacom		4.4	4.4
		Unitech		4.4	4.4
		Etisalat DB Pvt. Ltd.		4.4	4.4
		Loop		4.4	4.4
		TTSL		4.4	4.4
		TOTAL	18.6	42.6	61.2
10.	Punjab	Vodafone		6.2	6.2
		Bharti	7.8	0.0	7.8
		Spice	7.8	0.0	7.8
		BSNL	6.2	0.0	6.2
		Reliance		4.4	4.4
		Aircel Ltd.		4.4.	4.4
		HFCL		4.4	4.4
		Unitech		4.4	4.4
		Etisalat DB Pvt. Ltd.		4.4.	4.4
		Idea		4.4	4.4
		TOTAL	21.8	32.6	54.4

1	2	3	4	5	6
11.	Haryana	Bharti		6.2	6.2
		BSNL	6.2	3.8	10.0
		Reliance		4.4	4.4
		Idea	6.2	0.0	6.2
		Vodafone	6.2	0.0	6.2
		Dishnet		4.4	4.4
		Datacom		4.4	4.4
		Unitech		4.4.	4.4
		TOTAL	18.6	27.6	46.2
12.	UP (West)	Bharti		6.2	6.2
		Vodafone	6.2	0.0	6.2
		Idea	6.2	1.8	8.0
		BSNL	6.2	3.8	10.0
		Reliance		4.4	4.4
		Datacom		4.4	4.4
		Unitech		4.4	4.4
		Etisalat DB Pvt. Ltd.		4.4	4.4
		Aircel Ltd.		4.4.	4.4
		TOTAL	18.6	33.8	52.4
13.	UP (East)	Bharti	6.2	1.0	7.2
		Vodafone	6.2	2.0	8.2
		Reliance		4.4.	4.4.
		Idea		6.2	6.2
		BSNL	6.2	3.8	10.0
		Dishnet		4.4	4.4
		Datacom		4.4	4.4
		Unitech		4.4	4.4
		Etisalat DB Pvt. Ltd.		4.4	4.4
		Total	18.6	35.0	53.6

1	2	3	4	5	6
14.	Rajasthan	Vodafone	6.2	0.0	6.2
		Idea		6.2	6.2
		Reliance		4.4	4.4
		BSNL	6.2	1.8	8.0
		Bharti	6.2	2.0	8.2
		Aircel Ltd.		4.4	4.4
		Total	18.6	18.8	37.4
15.	Madhya Pradesh	Bharti		8.0	8.0
		Vodafone		4.4	4.4
		BSNL	6.2	3.8	10.0
		Reliance	6.2	0.0	6.2
		IDEA	6.2	1.8	8.0
		Dishnet		4.4	4.4
		Datacom		4.4	4.4
		Unitech		4.4	4.4
		Loop		4.4	4.4
		TTSL		4.4	4.4
		Allianz		4.4	4.4
		Total	18.6	44.4	63.0
16.	West Bengal	Bharti	4.4	1.8	6.2
		Dishnet		4.4	4.4
		Vodafone	4.4	1.8	6.2
		Reliance	4.4	1.8	6.2
		BSNL	6.2	1.8	8.0
		Datacom		4.4	4.4
		Idea		4.4	4.4
		Unitech		4.4	4.4
		Total	19.4	24.8	44.2

1	2	3	4	5	6
17.	Himachal Pradesh	Vodafone		4.4	4.4
		Dishnet		4.4	4.4
		Bharti	6.2	0.0	6.2
		Reliance	6.2	0.0	6.2
		Idea		4.4	4.4
		BSNL	6.2	3.8	10.0
		Datacom		4.4	4.4
		S.Tel		4.4	4.4
		Unitech		4.4	4.4
		TOTAL	18.6	30.2	48.8
18.	Bihar	Bharti	6.2	3.0	9.2
		Vodafone		4.4	4.4
		Reliance	6.2	1.8	8.0
		BSNL	6.2	3.8	10.0
		Dishnet		4.4	4.4
		ABTL		4.4	4.4
		Datacom		4.4	4.4
		Unitech		4.4	4.4
		S. Tel		4.4	4.4
		TOTAL	18.6	35.0	53.6
19.	Orissa	Vodafone		4.4	4.4
		Reliance	6.2	0.0	6.2
		BSNL	6.2	3.8	10.0
		Dishnet		4.4	4.4
		Bharti	6.2	1.8	8.0
		Datacom		4.4	4.4
		Idea		4.4	4.4
		Unitech		4.4	4.4
		S Tel		4.4	4.4

1	2	3	4	5	6
		Loop		4.4	4.4
		TTSL		4.4	4.4
		Total	18.6	40.8	59.4
20.	Assam	Vodafone		4.4	4.4
		Bharti	1.8	4.4	6.2
		BSNL	6.2	3.8	10.0
		Reliance	6.2	0.0	6.2
		Dishnet	4.4	1.8	6.2
		Datacom		4.4	4.4
		Idea		4.4	4.4
		Total	18.6	23.2	41.8
21.	North East	Bharti	4.4	1.8	6.2
		BSNL	6.2	3.8	10.0
		Reliance	4.4	1.8	6.2
		Dishnet	4.4	0.0	4.4
		Vodafone		4.4	4.4
		Datacom		4.4	4.4
		Idea		4.4	4.4
		Total	19.4	20.6	40.0
22.	Jammu and Kashmir	Vodafone		4.4	4.4
		Reliance		4.4	4.4
		BSNL	8.0	0.0	8.0
		Dishnet	4.4	0.0	4.4
		Bharti	6.2	0.0	6.2
		Datacom		4.4	4.4
		Idea		4.4	4.4
		Total	18.6	17.6	36.2

Statement-II

Details of CDMA Spectrum allocated to UAS Licensees in different service areas
(as on 30.11.2009)

Sl. No.	Service Area	Name of the Operator	Amount of Spectrum Allocated in CDMA Band*
1	2	3	4
1.	Delhi	Mahanager Telephone Nigam Ltd.	2.5+2.5 MHz (2 carriers)
		Reliance Infocomm Ltd.	5+5 MHz (4 carriers)
		Tata Teleservices Ltd.	5+5 MHz (4 carriers)
		Shyam Telelink Ltd.	2.5+2.5 MHz (2 carriers)
2.	Mumbai	Mahanager Telephone Nigam Ltd.	2.5+2.5 MHz (2 carriers)
		Reliance Infocomm Ltd.	5+5 MHz (4 carriers)
		Tata Teleservices (Mah.) Ltd.	Up to 5+5 MHz (4 carriers)
		Shyam Telelink Ltd.	2.5+2.5 MHz (2 carriers)
3.	Kolkata	Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd.	2.5+2.5 MHz (2 carriers)
		Reliance Infocomm Ltd.	5+5 MHz (4 carriers)
		Tata Teleservices Ltd.	3.75+3.75 MHz (3 carriers)
		Shyam Telelink Ltd.	2.5+2.5 MHz (2 carriers)
4.	Chennai	Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd.	2.5+2.5 MHz (2 carriers)

1	2	3	4
		Reliance Infocomm Ltd.	5+5 MHz (4 carriers)
		Tata Teleservices Ltd.	3.75+3.75 MHz (3 carriers)
		Shyam Telelink Ltd.	2.5+2.5 MHz (2 carriers)
5.	Andhra Pradesh	Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd.	2.5+2.5 MHz (2 carriers)
		Reliance Infocomm Ltd.	5+5 MHz (4 carriers)
		Tata Teleservices Ltd.	3.75+3.75 MHz (3 carriers)
		Shyam Telelink Ltd.	2.5+2.5 MHz (2 carriers)
6.	Bihar	Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd.	2.5+2.5 MHz (2 carriers)
		Reliance Infocomm Ltd.	5+5 MHz (4 carriers)
		Tata Teleservices Ltd.	3.75+3.75 MHz (3 carriers)
		Shyam Telelink Ltd.	2.5+2.5 MHz (2 carriers)
7.	Gujarat	Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd.	2.5+2.5 MHz (2 carriers)
		Reliance Infocomm Ltd.	3.75+3.75 MHz (3 carriers)
		Tata Teleservices Ltd.	3.75+3.75 MHz (3 carriers)
		Shyam Telelink Ltd.	2.5+2.5 MHz (2 carriers)
8.	Haryana	Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd.	2.5+2.5 MHz (2 carriers)

1	2	3	4
		Reliance Infocomm Ltd.	3.75+3.75 MHz (3 carriers)
		Tata Teleservices Ltd.	3.75+3.75 MHz (3 carriers)
		Shyam Telelink Ltd.	2.5+2.5 MHz (2 carriers)
9.	Himachal Pradesh	Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd.	2.5+2.5 MHz (2 carriers)
		Reliance Infocomm Ltd.	2.5+2.5 MHz (2 carriers)
		Tata Teleservices Ltd.	2.5+2.5 MHz (2 carriers)
		Shyam Telelink Ltd.	2.5+2.5 MHz (2 carriers)
10.	Jammu and Kashmir	Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd.	2.5+2.5 MHz (2 carriers)
		Reliance Infocomm Ltd.	2.5+2.5 MHz (2 carriers)
		Tata Teleservices Ltd.	2.5+2.5 MHz (2 carriers)
		Shyam Telelink Ltd.	2.5+2.5 MHz (2 carriers)
11.	Kerala	Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd.	3.75+3.75 MHz (3 carriers)
		Reliance Infocomm Ltd.	5+5 MHz (4 carriers)
		Tata Teleservices Ltd.	3.75+3.75 MHz (3 carriers)
		Shyam Telelink Ltd.	2.5+2.5 MHz (2 carriers)
12.	Karnataka	Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd.	2.5+2.5 MHz (2 carriers)

1	2	3	4
		Reliance Infocomm Ltd.	Up to 5+5 MHz (4 carriers)
		Tata Teleservices Ltd.	3.75+3.75 MHz (3 carriers)
		Shyam Telelink Ltd.	2.5+2.5 MHz (2 carriers)
13.	Maharashtra	Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd.	2.5+2.5 MHz (2 carriers)
		Reliance Infocomm Ltd.	5+5 MHz (4 carriers)
		Tata Teleservices Ltd.	Up to 5+5 MHz (4 carriers)
		Shyam Telelink Ltd.	2.5+2.5 MHz (2 carriers)
14.	Madhya Pradesh	Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd.	2.5+2.5 MHz (2 carriers)
		Reliance Infocomm Ltd.	5+5 MHz (4 carriers)
		Tata Teleservices Ltd.	2.5+2.5 MHz (2 carriers)
		Shyam Telelink Ltd.	2.5+2.5 MHz (2 carriers)
15.	Orissa	Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd.	2.5+2.5 MHz (2 carriers)
		Reliance Infocomm Ltd.	3.75+3.75 MHz (3 carriers)
		Tata Teleservices Ltd.	2.5+2.5 MHz (2 carriers)
		Shyam Telelink Ltd.	2.5+2.5 MHz (2 carriers)
16.	Punjab	Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd.	2.5+2.5 MHz (2 carriers)

1	2	3	4
		Reliance Infocomm Ltd.	3.75+3.75 MHz (3 carriers)
		Himachal Futurastic Co. Ltd.	2.5+2.5 MHz (2 carriers)
		Tata Teleservices Ltd.	3.75+3.75 MHz (3 carriers)
		Shyam Telelink Ltd.	2.5+2.5 MHz (2 carriers)
17.	Rajasthan	Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd.	2.5+2.5 MHz (2 carriers)
		Reliance Infocomm Ltd.	3.75+3.75 MHz (3 carriers)
		Shyam Telelink Ltd.	Up to 5+5 MHz (4 carriers)
		Tata Teleservices Ltd.	3.75+3.75 MHz (3 carriers)
18.	Tamil Nadu	Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd.	2.5+2.5 MHz (2 carriers)
		Reliance Infocomm Ltd.	5+5 MHz (4 carriers)
		Tata Teleservices Ltd.	2.5+2.5 MHz (2 carriers)
		Shyam Telelink Ltd.	2.5+2.5 MHz (2 carriers)
19.	U.P.(East)	Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd.	2.5+2.5 MHz (2 carriers)
		Reliance Infocomm Ltd.	5+5 MHz (4 carriers)
		Tata Teleservices Ltd.	3.75+3.75 MHz (3 carriers)
		Shyam Telelink Ltd.	2.5+2.5 MHz (2 carriers)

1	2	3	4
20.	U.P.(West)	Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd.	2.5+2.5 MHz (2 carriers)
		Reliance Infocomm Ltd.	5+5 MHz (4 carriers)
		Tata Teleservices Ltd.	3.75+3.75 MHz (3 carriers)
		Shyam Telelink Ltd.	2.5+2.5 MHz (2 carriers)
21.	West Bengal	Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd.	2.5+2.5 MHz (2 carriers)
		Reliance Infocomm Ltd.	3.75+3.75 MHz (3 carriers)
		Tata Teleservices Ltd.	2.5+2.5 MHz (2 carriers)
		Shyam Telelink Ltd.	2.5+2.5 MHz (2 carriers)
22.	North East	Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd.	2.5+2.5 MHz (2 carriers)
		Tata Teleservices Ltd.	2.5+2.5 MHz (2 carriers)
		Shyam Telelink Ltd.	2.5+2.5 MHz (2 carriers)
		Reliance Infocomm Ltd.	2.5+2.5 MHz (2 carriers)
23.	Assam	Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd.	2.5+2.5 MHz (2 carriers)
		Tata Teleservices Ltd.	2.5+2.5 MHz (2 carriers)
		Shyam Telelink Ltd.	2.5+2.5 MHz (2 carriers)
		Reliance Infocomm Ltd.	2.5+2.5 MHz (2 carriers)

Statement-III

Details of GSM operators (USA Licensees) for whom start up spectrum not allotted in the entire service area (except few districts)

Sl. No.	Service Area	Operators	Date of allotment of spectrum	Spectrum allotted to enter service area Except the following districts
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Gujarat	Loop	09.03.09	Ahmedabad, Jamnagar and Vadodara
		TTSL	09.03.09	Ahmedabad, Jamnagar and Vadodara
2.	Punjab	Loop	09.03.09	Amritsar and Ludhiana
		TTSL	09.03.09	Amritsar and Ludhiana
3.	Haryana	Etisalat	04.12.08	Sirsa
		Loop	04.12.08	Sirsa and Fatehabad
		TTSL	04.12.08	Sirsa and Fatehabad
		Spice	06.05.09	Sirsa
4.	U.P. (West)	Loop	26.12.08	Agra, Bareilly, Dehradun and Nainital
		TTSL	26.12.08	Agra, Bareilly, Dehradun and Nainital
5.	U.P. (East)	Loop	21.01.09	Allahabad, Gorakhpur and Jhansi
		TTSL	21.01.09	Allahabad, Gorakhpur and Jhansi
6.	Rajasthan	Shyam	23.12.08	Bikaner, Barmer, Bharatpur, Dausa, Ganganagar, Hanumangarh, Jodhpur, Jaipur, Jaisalmer, Jalore and Sirohi
		Datacom	23.12.08	Bikaner, Barmer, Bharatpur, Dausa, Ganganagar, Hanumangarh, Jodhpur, Jaipur, Jaisalmer, Jalore and Sirohi
		Unitech	23.12.08	Bikaner, Barmer, Bharatpur, Dausa, Ganganagar, Hanumangarh, Jodhpur, Jaipur, Jaisalmer, Jalore and Sirohi
		Etisalat	23.12.08	Bikaner, Barmer, Bharatpur, Dausa, Ganganagar, Hanumangarh, Jodhpur, Jaipur, Jaisalmer, Jalore and Sirohi
		Loop	23.12.08	Bikaner, Barmer, Bharatpur, Dausa, Ganganagar, Hanumangarh, Jodhpur, Jaipur, Jaisalmer, Jalore and Sirohi

1	2	3	4	5
		TTSL	23.13.08	Bikaner, Barmer, Bharatpur, Dausa, Ganganagar, Hanumangarh, Jodhpur, Jaipur, Jaisalmer, Jalore and Sirohi
7.	West Bengal	Loop	09.01.09	Darjeeline, Bardhaman and North 24 Parganas
		TTSL	09.01.09	Darjeeline, Bardhaman and North 24 Parganas
8.	Himachal Pradesh	Loop	04.12.08	Chamba, Kangra, Kinnaur, Shimla, Sirmaur and Solan
		TTSL	04.12.08	Chamba, Kangra, Kinnaur, Shimla, Sirmaur and Solan
9.	Bihar	Loop	03.10.08	Patna, Purnea, Chhapra, Jahanabad and ARA
		TTSL	03.10.08	Patna, Purnea, Chhapra, Jahanabad and ARA
		Allianz	03.10.08	Patna, Purnea, Chhapra, Jahanabad and ARA
10.	Assam	Unitech	22.12.08	Dibrugarh, Jorhat and Kamrup
		Loop	22.12.08	Dibrugarh, Jorhat and Kamrup
		S. Tel	22.12.08	Dibrugarh, Jorhat and Kamrup
11.	North East	Unitech	23.12.08	East-Khasi Hills district in Meghalaya and Tawang Dist. in Arunachal Pradesh
		Loop	23.12.08	East-Khasi Hills district in Meghalaya and Tawang Dist. in Arunachal Pradesh
		S. Tel	23.12.08	East-Khasi Hills district in Meghalaya and Tawang Dist. in Arunachal Pradesh

Statement-IV

Details of GSM operators for whom start up spectrum is allotted in some districts of the service area

Sl. No.	Service Area	Operators	Date of allotment of Spectrum	Spectrum allotted to only following districts of the service area
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Jammu and Kashmir	Unitech	24.12.08	Doda and Anantnag

1	2	3	4	5
		Loop	24.12.08	Doda and Anantnag
		TTSL	24.12.08	Doda and Anantnag

Statement-V

Cases awaiting for allotment of initial GSM Spectrum as on 30.11.2009

Sl. No.	Service Area	Operators Name	Date of application for spectrum	Amount of initial spectrum in MHz
1.	Delhi	Datacom	28.02.08	4.4
		Spice	05.03.08	4.4
		Unitech	03.03.08	4.4
		Loop	05.03.08	4.4
		TTSL	05.03.08	4.4

Unique Identification Authority of India

*320. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is fully aware of the magnitude of the gigantic task and the process involved in the work of the Unique Identification Authority of India;

(b) whether it can ensure a foolproof identification in this task; and

(c) the prescribed period or time frame before which the completion of this task can be done?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): (a) Yes, Sir. The Government of India is fully aware of the mammoth task of issuing unique identity numbers to all residents of India. The task before the Unique Identification Authority of India is gigantic both in terms of the numbers involved and the complexities involved in implementation. Nowhere in the world has a project of this magnitude ever been attempted.

(b) Enrolment of residents will be done after proper verification of their demographic and biometric information. Registrars/Enrollers will send the applicant's data to the Central Identities Data Repository (CIDR) for de-duplication. The CIDR will perform a search on the biometrics for each new enrolment. If the Biometric details of this newly enrolled resident already exist in the database, his request for enrolment will be rejected and the Registrar will be informed that the said resident already exists and has been allotted a Unique ID (UID) number. If the resident's biometric details do not match any of the existing records, his request to enrol will be accepted and he will be issued a Unique ID. This process is expected to ensure that there are no duplicates in the database.